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SUBJECT: DRAFT CONSULAR CONVENTION

1. GDR CHARGE ELM AND EUR/CE EXCHANGED UPDATED DRAFTS OF CONSULAR CONVENTION ON MAY 23. WE STATED THAT PROBABLY A MONTH WOULD BE NEEDED TO TRANSLATE AND STUDY THE NEW VERSIONS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT GDR FONMIN AND EMBASSY BERLIN WORK OUT TIMING LATER. GDR OF COURSE IS RETAINING ITS NATIONALITY CLAUSE, BUT OUR CONTINUED NON-ACCEPTANCE OF CLAUSE HAS NOT MITIGATED THEIR INTEREST IN REASONABLY EARLY DATE TO START NEW TALKS.

2. AT SAME SESSION ELM GAVE US NOTE ASKING FOR USG RETURN OF DORER PAINTINGS. IN ESSENCE IT IS A REPEAT OF EARLIER REQUESTS.

3. WE ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEM OF "WOOSTER IN VIENNA" GROUP, OF WOOSTER UNIVERSITY WHO WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BRING MORE THAN 35 PARTICIPANTS ON THEIR GDR TOUR, WHEREAS THEY HAVE 43 PERSONS. EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO FOLLOW THIS UP, ALTHOUGH ELM SAID HE WOULD INQUIRE.

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4. ON LABELING PROBLEM, WE INFORMED ELM THAT TREASURY

LAST WEEK DIRECTED DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS TO DRAFT NEW

REGULATIONS SO THAT IMPORTS WILL NOW SHOW GDR AS COUNTRY
OF ORIGIN. WE SAID THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME
ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY, BUT THAT MATTER WAS NOW MOVING.

5. WE ARE FORWARDING GDR AND US DRAFTS TO EMBASSY AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IT MAY BE A WEEK OR TWO BEFORE WE
CAN SEND ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF GDR VERSION. IN
ARRANGING TIMING, EMBASSY SHOULD REFER PROPOSALS TO
DEPARTMENT, AS WE ARE NOT PRESENTLY SURE WHEN MR.
SHAMWELL (L/M) WILL BE AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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